

Consideration of the dedication of the Dunes Prairie Nature Preserve, Porter County

The proposed nature preserve is a 57.75 acre property located within the boundaries of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources-owned Dunes State Park, Westchester Township, Porter County. This property contains a tributary of Dunes Creek and habitats including graminoid dune, oak savanna, swamp forest, and prairie.

This tract contains a highly significant prairie remnant that had been monitored by botanists for decades. Due to fire suppression, the prairie had become seriously diminished in size by encroaching shrubs. With the assistance of funding from a Lake Michigan Coastal Grant, the prairie and savanna are being restored to their former size and ecological quality. Periodic prescribed burns will be utilized to keep the area in healthy ecological condition.

The Division of Nature Preserves and the Division of State Parks and Reservoirs recommends dedication of this site as a State Nature Preserve.

Attached is Nature Preserves Exhibit A: a map indicating the location and boundaries of the proposed Dunes Prairie Nature Preserve.

Nature Preserve Exhibit A
Dunes Prairie Nature Preserve
County: Porter Size: 57.75

Dunes Prairie Nature Preserve
Dunes State Park



0 35 70 140 210 280 Meters